

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2005. Claims 1-10 are pending in the Application and Claim 10 stands rejected. Claims 1-9 have been allowed. The indication of allowed subject matter is noted with appreciation. Claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 10 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of Maurice et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,796,710, hereinafter "Maurice") in view of Besenfelder (U.S. Patent No. 3,810,233). In view of the cancellation of Claim 10, this rejection is now moot. Its withdrawal is thus respectfully requested.

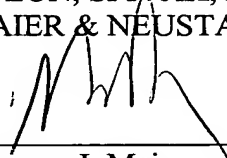
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-9 is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representatives at the below listed telephone number.

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